

Dear Committee Members,

I respectfully request that you **oppose Bill 6355**. Your opposition for this bill is important to me.

By their own admission, the proponents of this bill have shown that our current law works and is effective. There is no justification to make any changes. Further expansion of this law will only allow for more abuse to occur.

The premise that we are innocent until proven guilty is the very foundation onto which our entire legal system is based upon. This bill would strip away our presumption of innocence when given our day in court by placing the burden onto the individual to prove that they were not guilty.

As written, even an individual found innocent may be forced to forfeit his rightful property without due compensation, and there are no protections placed for individuals to safeguard as to the condition of their returned property. This bill also changes the time window in which an individual may petition the court in such a way that even if granted the return of their property, said property may have already been disposed of.

And lastly, this bill will only act as a deterrent for individuals voluntarily seeking professional help as they will want to avoid its harsh reprimand.

I ask that you please **support Bill 6491**, An Act Concerning Nonlethal Electronic Defense Weapons.

It only makes reasonable, prudent sense that law abiding individuals be allowed to exercise their prerogative to defend themselves using less lethal means. There are no downsides to this bill's passage.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

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